

# SENIOR SAFETY



## DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET....

- If you must carry a purse, hold it close to your body. Don't dangle it.
- Never carry a wallet in your back pocket. Put it in an inside jacket pocket or front pocket.
- Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Avoid dark deserted routes, even if they're the shortest.
- Carry change for emergency telephone and transportation use.
- Whenever possible, travel with friends to stores, the bank, or the doctor.
- When using the bus or other public transportation, sit near the driver if possible.
- Have your car or house key in hand as you approach your vehicle or home.
- If you have car trouble, be wary of strangers who offer help. Stay in your car and ask them to call a service truck or the police. If a friend or taxi takes you home, ask the driver to wait until you are safely inside.

- Communicate the message that you are calm, confident, and you know where you are going. Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave.
- Use dead-bolt locks on all exterior doors. Keep your doors locked at all times, even when you are inside.
- Make your home appear occupied when you go out by using a timer to turn on lights and a radio.
- Never let strangers into your home without checking their identification. Call their company if you are not sure. Install a peep hole in your door and use it.
- If you live alone, don't advertise it. Use only your first initial in phone books, directories, and apartment lobbies.



## BE ESPECIALLY WARY OF....

- "Get rich quick" schemes for which you have to put up "good faith" money.
- "Good deals" on expensive repair or home improvement jobs.
- Investments that promise unusually large returns.
- Someone claiming you owe money for an item ordered by a deceased spouse or relative.
- Work-at-home schemes, door-to-door sales, supplemental Medicare Insurance, miracle cures, glasses and hearing aides at bargain prices.

## PROTECT YOUR MONEY....

- If you receive checks in the mail regularly, arrange for them to be sent to your bank instead.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of money. If you must take a large amount, have a friend accompany you.
- Don't display large amounts of cash in stores or other public places.
- Never put your purse or wallet on a counter or in a cart while you examine merchandise in a store.

## PLACES TO GO FOR HELP:

### Grove City Division of Police

3360 Park Street

Grove City, Ohio 43123

(614) 277-1710

### Federal Trade Commission

Room 500 Mall Building 118 St. Clair

Cleveland, Ohio 44114

(216) 263-3455

### U.S. Postal Service

Postal Inspectors

Contact your local Post Office

### Ohio Attorney General

Consumer Frauds Division

Consumer Public Action Line

(800) 282-0515

**Additional information for  
Grove City seniors can be found at:**

### E.L. Evans Senior Center

4330 Dudley Avenue

Grove City, Ohio 43123

(614) 277-1060



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Division of Police is to serve and  
protect all by providing professional  
law enforcement services in  
partnership with the community."*



## Important Phone Numbers

Non-Emergency.....(614) 277-1710

Emergency .....911

Crime Prevention .....(614) 277-1765

Anonymous Tip Line .....(614) 277-1808

Investigative / Narcotics  
Bureau.....(614)277-1750

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## CRIME MAPPING

**NEW!** Now you can find out  
information on criminal activity in Grove City  
or in your own neighborhood. Information on  
reported crimes over the past 30 days is available  
by clicking on the Crime Mapping link at  
**[POLICE.GROVECITYOHIO.GOV](http://POLICE.GROVECITYOHIO.GOV)**.



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